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1. US DEL BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL AND TIMELY TO FOLLOW UP INTRODUCTION OF USG'S DRAFT RESOLUTION RE REFERRAL WAREC ISSUE TO ICJ(SEE REFTTEL) IN CAPITALS OF SELEVED ECOSOC MEMBERS. WE KNOW THAT AMB FERGUSON'S STATEMENT OF JULY 20 (GENEVA 3769) AND HIS SUBSEQUENT INTERVENTION INTRODUCING THE RES HAS THROWN A NUMBER OF DELS OFF BALANCE AND SENT THEM SCURRYING FOR FRESH INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR MINISTRIES. OUR FORCEFUL STANCE BASED ON LEGAL MERITS OF ISSUE HAS STARTLED OTHER DELS, MANY OF WHOM HAVE HAD ONLY THE VAGUEST INSTRUCTIONS AND POSITIONS ON THIS ISSUE. MOST WOULD HAVE VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE LEBANESE RES IN ORDER TO AVOID A FRACAS HERE. NOW THAT THE BATTLE HAS BEEN JOINED, WE BELIEVE THEIR GOVERNMENTS MAY WISH TO REVIEW THEIR INS-
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TRUCTIONS AND WE WANT TO BE SURE THAT CAPITALS HAVE FULL

INFORMATION FOR THEIR REVIEW. THE SITUATION HERE IS FLUID, AS IT CERTAINLY WAS NOT JUST ONE WEEK AGO. WE NOW BELIEVE THAT THE ISSUE WILL NOT BE DISCUSSED AGAIN HERE UNTIL JULY 27, DUE TO AMB GHORRA'S ABSENCE UNTIL THAT DATE AND THEREFORE THERE IS TIME TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT AFRICANS AND LATINS WOULD BE THE MOST RECEPTIVE TO OUR REPRESENTATIONS SINCE IN SERIES OF REGIONAL GROUP MEETINGS HERE THOSE TWO GROUPS HAVE NOT TAKEN REGIONAL POSITIONS ON THE LEBANESE RES. ASIDE FROM THOSE TWO GROUPS OF NATIONS, THERE ARE SCATTERED DELS WHO MIGHT BE MADE MORE RECEPTIVE TO OUR POSITION AND MIGHT BE INDUCED TAKE FLOOR. CANADA AND SWEDEN IN PARTICULAR FALL INTO THIS CATEGORY.

3. IF YOU AGREE THAT EMBASSIES SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS ON ISSUE, WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT THEY BE SUPPLIED WITH COPY OF FERGUSON'S SPEECH, THE USG PROPOSED AMENDMENTS, AND RESOLUTION PLUS A BRIEF RUN-DOWN ON PUBLIC POSITIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN TAKEN HERE AT ECOSOC, E.G. THE ARAB POSITION VIS-A-VIS THAT TAKEN BY THE TWO OPPONENTS, USG AND NETHERLANDS. IT SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED THE USG DOES NOT WISH TO RAISE POLITICAL SIDE OF ISSUE, ONLY ITS LEGAL, AND CONSTITUTIONAL ASPECTS. THIS INFORMATION SHOULD BE FOLLOWED BY REQUEST THAT GOVERNMENTS REVIEW THEIR POSITION WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO POSSIBILITY OF SUPPORTING USG'S RES, AND/OR ANY MOVE TO POSTPONE FURTHER DEBATE IN ECOSOC OF THIS ITEM FOR PERIOD OF AT LEAST ONE YEAR. WE ARE PARTICULARLY EAGER TO HAVE PRO-POSTPONEMENT STATEMENTS FROM THE FLOOR. SO FAR ONLY US AND NETHERLANDS HAVE EXPRESSED SUCH WISH. WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT SWEDES AND CANADIANS IN PARTICULAR MIGHT BE PRESSED TO MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENT AT LEAST ON POSTPONEMENT ISSUE.

4. IN SUMMATION, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HIGHLY USEFUL TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO FOLLOWING COUNTRIES: ARGENTINA, BELGIUM, BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, CANADA, COLOMBIA, GHANA, HAITI (NOT PRESENT YET AT THIS SESSION), ITALY, JAPAN, KENYA, MADAGASCAR, MALI, NIGER, PERU, SENEGAL, SWEDEN, UGANDA AND VENEZUELA. BASSIN

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